

**ADDRESS**

~~STATEMENT~~ BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
TO BE READ OVER TELEPHONE TO BOY SCOUT 40th ANNIVERSARY  
MEETING, HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH, WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA,  
FEBRUARY 9, 1950, 7:15 P.M. READ BY GEORGE MacNABB.

Governor Thurmond was unable to stand by the telephone this evening, because of another engagement at this hour. He has prepared a message for the occasion, however, and has asked me to read it to you. The message is written not only as coming from the Governor of South Carolina, but in Governor Thurmond's capacity as an Honorary Member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Here is what he asked me to say to you:

"It is a real pleasure to me to extend official greetings from the State of South Carolina to Honor Scout H. E. May, Jr., and to the other Scouts and citizens of the fine City of Winston-Salem, who are gathered tonight in tribute to Scout May, and in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Scouting.

"The selection of Scout May to represent Region Six in making a report to the President of the United States is an unusually high honor. I feel certain that Mayor Marshall Kurfees and every citizen of Winston-Salem is proud of him. There is no doubt in my mind that an excellent report can be made for the four States in Region Six.

"While we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Scouting, it is inspiring to realize that almost half the families in America have a member or a former member of the Boy Scouts. It is a good thing for America's future that so many millions of boys and men are faithful to the principles of Scouting. When we stand by the Scout principles of self-reliance, democratic living, faith in God, love of home, and love of country, we truly 'strengthen the arm of Liberty,' and we strengthen America's position as a world leader for democracy."

That concludes Governor Thurmond's message. Thank you.